

# CLOUDS OF WAR AGAINST ROOM AS SHIPS GO EAST

Turn at Peace Table Brings  
Order to British Fleet.

A New Crisis Prevails as Result  
of Turkish Demands.

## CLIMAX IS FAST APPROACHING

British and Turks in Deadlock  
Over Mosul Oil Field.

Child Joins Allies in Demand-  
ing Guarantees Be Given.

(By the Associated Press.)

Malta, Dec. 28.—As a result of unsatisfactory news from Lausanne, it is understood that the ship of the British Mediterranean fleet which arrived December 23, for a three weeks' visit have received orders to return to the Near East.

Naval authorities were reticent today, but it was believed that Admiral De Robeck, commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean fleet, was prepared to leave this afternoon, with all available vessels.

The understanding was that the dreadnaught Iron Duke, Marlborough and Ajax, which were to sail eastward at 4 o'clock.

The sailing orders were unexpected, the officers of the fleet having made arrangements for various functions here up to the middle of January.

Crisis Prevails.

(By the Associated Press.)

Lausanne, Dec. 28.—The near east conference was faced today with a crisis today, as the sharp and apparently irreconcilable conflict between the English and Turks over the Mosul oil fields reached its climax.

Lord Curzon's statement that "the turning point of the conference" had come and that England would decline to continue the Mosul controversy was in direct conflict with Imet Pasha's statement asserting that the Turkish people had decided to "employ to the last limit of its forces all means to obtain the return of Mosul to the mother-land."

Between these two extremes there is a gulf which seems likely to be difficult if not impossible for the conference to bridge.

Prepare for Snowdown.

Great uneasiness is manifest throughout the conference, and the atmosphere is charged with the uncertainty of the straits and status of minorities, indicates that the conference is approaching a climax, and that both sides are preparing for a final showdown.

This tendency was emphasized at today's session of the commission on capitulations, at which no progress was made and the Turkish delegates declared the conference had reached a deadlock pending the arrival of British Turkish instructions from Ankara.

At this meeting, a sub-commission presided over by Sir Horace Rumbold reported to the full commission that it has been found quite impossible to reach an accord with Turkey which satisfied upon the Turkish side, and the Turkish delegates declared the conference had reached a deadlock pending the arrival of British Turkish instructions from Ankara.

Child Joins With Allies.

Richard Washburn Child, chief American spokesman, joined with the heads of the allied delegations at today's meeting to call attention to the mission in declaring that some guarantee must be given by Turkey to replace the capitulations which the Kemalists had decided abolished.

If Turkey showed a spirit of collaboration, the child said, she would receive just and generous treatment. Otherwise, she must be prepared to have repudiated her engagements.

War Clouds Loom.

London, Dec. 28.—Black clouds of war again loomed ominously over the Near East today, as the conference from the threatened collapse of Lausanne. The British and Turkish sides were locked over certain issues and neither side will give ground. If hostilities break out, the allied forces will be forced to fight on Turkish and British fronts.

All available British warships in the Mediterranean of all description, have been ordered to the Dardanelles, said a dispatch from Malta, British naval depot in the Mediterranean.

Great Britain is basing one of the strongest fleets in the Turkish straits ever known in the Mediterranean since the Gallipoli campaign in the great war.

British Holds Upper Hand.

From a military viewpoint the British hold positions of high strategic importance. They command the Dardanelles, Bosphorus and sea of Marmara, with their warships cutting off Asia Minor from Europe and controlling Constantinople. They could control all the Mediterranean and Aegean coast.

The chief fear, however, is that Russia will join war Turkey.

PLAN SECOND NATIONAL BANK

Lokomotive Engineers to Establish Co-operative Institution at Spokane.

Spokane, Dec. 28.—Plans for establishment here by the brotherhood of locomotive engineers of a co-operative bank similar to the one operated by that organization in Cleveland, became known today when it was learned that application for charter had been filed with the comptroller of the currency in Washington, D. C.

HEAD OF FATS DEAD

Chicago, Dec. 28.—E. B. Reith, 52, at one time president of the Chicago Fat Merchants' Association, died today of heart disease. He weighed only 245 pounds when he died. Reith was prominent in Democratic politics.

# The Weather

Forecast for Kansas.  
Fair tonight and probably Friday.  
Rising temperature tonight and south portions and east portion Friday.

## MORE APRIL WEATHER ON WAY

No Cold Weather in Sight, Says Meteorologist Here.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.  
7 o'clock.....21 11 o'clock.....23  
8 o'clock.....21 12 o'clock.....32  
9 o'clock.....25 1 o'clock.....45  
10 o'clock.....26 2 o'clock.....46

Protect all thirty-six-hour shipments north and west against a temperature of 22 degrees. East and south, above freezing.

April weather will be on tap for Topeka indefinitely, says Meteorologist here. Clear sunny weather is the only kind and sign, says the weather man. No cold wave is possible. At Havre, Mont., where the Kansas cold wave is expected, the temperature was twenty-one degrees higher than in Topeka. The sky was clear today over the state and for four hundred miles around it.

The temperature will drop to about 32 degrees tonight and will rise to about 35 to 40 degrees Friday.

The highest temperature in Topeka in the last twenty-four hours was 46 degrees at 1 o'clock this afternoon and the lowest was 21 at 7 o'clock this morning. The highest temperature in the city was 46 degrees.

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## WHY N. Y. IS WET

Federal Agent Declares Block-  
ade Failed to Work.

More Than \$4,000,000 Worth  
of Liquor Smuggled In.

New York, Dec. 28.—Alexander Williams, who said he was an investigator for the department of justice, said today that more than \$4,000,000 worth of liquor had been smuggled into New York since the beginning of the year.

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# WOMAN IS SLAIN WHILE CHILDREN LAY IN BED

Body Is Found by Husband  
Hidden in Cellar Closet.

Feeling Running High Against  
Negro Under Arrest.

## BODY HORRIBLY MUTILATED

Evidence Shows Victim Was  
Dragged From Upper Floor.

Children, Sick in Bed With  
Measles, Heard No Noise.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 28.—William Battle, negro, this afternoon confessed assaulting and killing Mrs. Eleanor Brigham, mother of three, and then crowding her body into a closet in her home yesterday. His confession followed identification of finger print on Mrs. Brigham's body and the closet where it was found as identical with Battle's.

Battle's confession was made when he was confronted with the garments of the murdered woman. He probably will be arraigned tomorrow.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 28.—Muttering citizens around the county jail today threatened summary vengeance upon William E. Battle, 19-year-old negro, who was grilling by detectives thruout the night for information bearing on the murder of Mrs. Eleanor Brigham.

Louise Brigham, wife of a prosperous business man and mother of three young children, was found huddled in her home last night by her horrified husband upon his return from his office.

The negro was today identified by the 7-year-old daughter of the slain woman as one who had been employed about the house on the day of the crime.

It was revealed also that Mrs. Brigham sustained a frightful cut behind the head, cuts over each eye and her throat showed signs of strangulation. It is believed the murderer used a rope from a swing that Mrs. Brigham had just used to rock her babies in.

The police said, and then dragged to the closet, dying in a corner of the closet, clamped under a drain pipe.

Battle denied all knowledge of the crime. The police, however, said that he had been in a struggle with the victim.

Authorities after an examination of the body, which was found in the closet, declared that Mrs. Brigham had been the victim of a degenerate.

Brigham collapsed after he had found his wife's body, and today was nearly wild with grief. He is a well known and prosperous business man.

Mrs. Brigham was a good looking woman, quiet and domestic and a devoted mother to three little children, who were asked where their mother met her frightful fate.

The children were all confined to their room up today by measles. They told their father that they had not heard any sound.

The police say the evidence is that the woman was either attacked in her kitchen and dragged to the cellar, or was attacked suddenly by a concealed assailant in the cellar when she went there on some household errand.

There were marks on the cellar floor which indicated the victim had been dragged for several yards.

Strangled to Death.

An autopsy on the body of the woman was held this morning at the County Physician Dr. George L. Warren. He found that veins on the victim's throat were indicative of strangulation.

The victim was a woman who may have used a rope or a strand of rope. Perhaps the physician said, the marks on the woman's neck were indicative of strangulation.

The body was found by Brigham after he returned from his place of employment, a transfer company, voice and company, Brooklyn, last evening. The man went into the children's room, awakening them.

"Where is mother?" the children did not know, had not heard her for a long time.

Bright for days to explore the house, but did not think of the cellar. He went to the neighbors. No sign, no one had seen her. The police today searched the neighborhood. They found no trace.

Suddenly Brigham thought of the cellar. He and a detective rushed down to the cellar. The door was locked. Brigham seized an axe and broke down the door. His wife's body was found in the cellar, huddled in a closet, with a rope around her neck.

Met the husband's eyes and sent him fleeing back in terror.

Still Play Water on Ruins

Now Believe All Victims of Kansas  
City Fire Will Recover.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—With all employees of the Schreiber company accounted for, Chief G. E. Hughes of the fire department, announced today that there would be no further search for victims of the explosion which wrecked the Schreiber building and injured twenty-eight persons.

The four victims are reported resting well and it is now believed all will recover, hospital authorities say. Firemen continue to play streams of water on the smoldering ruins.

The explosion which rocked the building for blocks around and completely wrecked the Schreiber building, occurred when a spark from a magneto fired at the bottom of a 70-foot elevator shaft in the Schreiber building. Men were blown into the street by the force of the explosion, and flames which followed the explosion spread to adjoining buildings, damaging the Faith Iron company and the J. C. Peppard Seed company.

# TRAGEDY IN POOR PISTOL

Because It Wouldn't Fire, Seven  
Prisoners Escaped From Jail,  
and When It Failed, Again Con-  
vict Is Shot to Death.

Detroit, Dec. 28.—A pistol that would not fire for a jail guard played an important part last Sunday in the escape of seven prisoners from the Wayne county jail. Reliance on the same faulty weapon was responsible in large measure for the death early today of Joseph Ryan, the convict who wrested it from the guard as he fled the jail.

It refused to work when Ryan and three other fugitives were cornered in an apartment house last evening, a detective fatally shot him and arrested his companions.

Ryan, leader in jail delivery, died shortly after midnight, after admitting a part in several daring robberies since his escape.

DEMO LEADERS IN CONFERENCE

Policies of New Administration Are  
Being Discussed Today.

Policies of the new state administration are being discussed at a conference of Democratic leaders in Topeka this afternoon. The conference was called by Governor Arthur C. Leavenworth.

The new year, early leaders predict, will see even better prices and the inevitable "come back" of the farmer.

Joseph P. Griffin, former president of the Chicago board of trade, and an authority on grain, said today that the year ahead is bountiful. We have above \$125, is hovering near the high point of the season, having gained 30 cents since the middle of September.

May and July wheat, likewise, are meeting excellent demand. The English grain, which was shipped to the United States, is being sold at a profit.

"Europe needs our wheat," he said. "But Europe cannot buy. Our potential customers are bankrupt."

"Crops in this country and Canada are good," he said. "The English crop is subnormal. The big thing needed is the prompt establishment of credit abroad so the American farmer can dispose of his wheat to all his customers."

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B. A. Eckhart, head of one of the largest milling concerns in the country, pointed to one reason for prevailing good prices. It is the surplus of wheat produced by the United States and Canada here and no accumulations of winter and spring wheat.

"Believe," he said, "that the consumptive demand for wheat produced exceeds that of pre-war days."

TAKE OVER SMALLER PLANTS

Fowler & Hammond to Pass to Control  
of the Proposed Concern.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Control of the Fowler Packing company, of Kansas City, the Hammond Packing company, of Chicago, and the Armour & Company, of Illinois, will pass to the control of the proposed concern, the National League of Women Voters, announced today.

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Quotations on December Near  
High Point of Season.

A Gain of Thirty Cents Since  
Middle of September.

## BETTER PRICES IN NEW YEAR

Grain Leaders Predict "Come-  
back" for the Farmer.

Say Credit Abroad Would Send  
Prices to Two Dollars.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat prices, barometer of prosperity for the American farmer, are going up.

Not giddily, but slowly, steadily, constructively.

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# SOLONS TO KEEP HOUSE

Demand in Topeka for Light  
Housekeeping Rooms for the  
Legislators and Their Wives.

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likely to pervade the atmosphere of  
the coming session of the state legis-  
lature, is already being heard in To-  
peka.

Price requests of members of the 1